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Hi [Name]!

How are you? I hope all is well. Do you remember that Palestine awareness campaign I mentioned to you back in the summer? I know it's been a while since I updated you - we were on a little summer hiatus due to our Qatari partners' schedules but we are now back in action.

The campaign, called Al Fakhoora, is named after a UN school that was attacked by Israel during its recent invasion of Gaza (Dec. '08 to Jan. '09) and was started by university students in Doha, Qatar who were outraged by the attacks and inspired to defend Palestinians' right to live and learn in a free and safe environment. It includes students, educators, grassroots activists, and anyone who believes that residents of Gaza and the West Bank have as much a right to an education as anyone else. What started in Doha is growing into a global campaign and students there are now looking to make connections to student activists in the United States.

When it launches in early 2010, Al Fakhoora will fuse the power of storytelling with online activism and on-the-ground organizing in order to build awareness and challenge the status quo. The campaign will include action alerts and information via email and social networks. There will also be a Web site, Fakhoora.org, where you can collaborate with other students worldwide so that you can share event ideas, photos and video in order to enhance your local campaign efforts. (The site is currently live but is undergoing a makeover.)

Once the site re-launches, there will be a variety of ways you can help depending on your interests and how much time you have to devote to the campaign.

To that end, we will be accepting applications from US students in the coming weeks to attend an international student conference in Doha where you can gain advocacy skills and network with other American, European and Qatari students - all expenses paid. I will be in touch with you when the application becomes available so that you may share it with any progressive students you know who are hard-working and dedicated to Palestinian rights.

Based on this information, would you be interested in participating or receiving further information about Al Fakhoora?

Thanks for your time and consideration. I look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

Best,
Yasmin

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Dear [student name],

We received an overwhelming response from students interested in attending the Al Fakhoora International Student Conference in Doha. Student leaders from across the United States, Europe and the Middle East applied for a limited number of seats, and each one displayed immense experience, passion and dedication.

Unfortunately, despite our best efforts to accommodate as many students as possible, we are unable to sponsor your participation in the conference at this time.

However, we would like to invite you to join the waiting list for the conference. What this means is that if any of the students who have been invited to attend decline the invitation, you may be invited to join us.

Please let me know (yhamidi@fenton.com) whether you would like to be put on the waiting list no later than **noon (EST) on Friday, December 18th** so that we can make your travel arrangements in a timely manner in the event that you are invited to join us. With your response, you must include a scanned copy of your current passport and the name of the airport from which you would be traveling.

We will continue looking for unique ways to involve each of you so please stay tuned for news about Fakhoora.org as we get closer to re-launching the web site.

If you have additional questions, please contact me at (212)584-5000 or by email at yhamidi@fenton.com.

All the best,

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Dear [student name],

I'm happy to report that you have been accepted, along with other students from the United States, Europe and the Middle East, to participate in the Al Fakhoora International Student Conference in Doha, Qatar, from January 16-18, 2010. We hope you will be able to join us and would like to confirm your participation in the conference.

As you already know, the conference will bring students together for online skills-building and collaboration around the issue of ensuring access to a quality education for students in Gaza and the West Bank.

Please inform me (yhamidi@fenton.com) whether you are planning to join us in Doha no later than noon (EST) on Friday, December 18th, as we must begin travel arrangements immediately. With your response, **you must include a scanned copy of your current passport and the name of the airport from which you will be traveling.**

Note that due to travel time, students will depart from the U.S. on Thursday, January 14th and arrive back in the U.S. on Tuesday the 19th.

If you have additional questions about the Al Fakhoora International Student Conference, you can reach me at (212) 584-5000 or by email at yhamidi@fenton.com.

We are very excited to meet you in person, and to partner with you to protect the education rights of Palestinian students.

All the best,

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